

Levo, Brian (he/him/his)

From: Kenknight, Jeff
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 4:34 PM
To: Levo, Brian; Contreras, Peter; Moore, John (Matthew)
Subject: Fwd: Lower Yakima Valley GWMA

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If you all are around tomorrow, it might be good to get organized about how and when to set up these meetings. I will look at calendars tomorrow. If we need to meet next week, that will work too. Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Espinoza, Joy (ECY)" <jesp461@ecy.wa.gov>
Date: December 9, 2021 at 4:25:19 PM PST
To: "Kenknight, Jeff" <Kenknight.Jeff@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Lower Yakima Valley GWMA

Hi Jeff,

As Sage mentioned, I'm here and happy to assist in making arrangements for this meeting.

I can look at Ecology staff member's schedules and give you a few options in January. How much time would you like for this discussion?

Thank you,

Joy Espinoza

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From: Park, Sage (ECY) <SUEB461@ECY.WA.GOV>
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 10:25 AM
To: Kenknight, Jeff <Kenknight.Jeff@epa.gov>; McGowan, Vincent (ECY) <vmcg461@ECY.WA.GOV>
Cc: Espinoza, Joy (ECY) <jesp461@ECY.WA.GOV>
Subject: RE: Lower Yakima Valley GWMA

Hi Jeff,

I received your email. We are happy to get a meeting set up with you in January. Please work with Joy Espinoza, copied here, to schedule the meeting. Joy is my assistant.

Thanks, Sage

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From: Kenknight, Jeff <Kenknight.Jeff@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 9:10 AM
To: Park, Sage (ECY) <SUEB461@ECY.WA.GOV>
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Trying again as my first message to you bounced for some reason.

From: Kenknight, Jeff
Sent: Thursday, December 09, 2021 9:06 AM
To: sage.park@ecy.wa; vincent.mcgowan@ecy.wa.gov
Subject: Lower Yakima Valley GWMA

Vince and Sage – as a follow-up to my voicemail this morning, I wanted to formally let you know that on October 26, 2021, the Center for Food Safety, Friends of Toppenish Creek, and Food and Water Watch (Petitioners) submitted a Petition (attached) to the EPA Administrator and Acting Region 10 Regional Administrator to exercise the Agency's emergency powers under Section 1431 of the Safe Drinking Water Act to address groundwater nitrate contamination that presents a risk to the health of residents of the Lower Yakima Valley (LYV). As I indicated in my voicemail, EPA requests Ecology's cooperation in providing additional information related to nitrate contamination in the LYV and the actions that Ecology is or will be taking to protect public health. For example, EPA seeks additional information regarding Ecology's efforts to

reissue the NPDES Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation General Permit and other efforts to regulate sources of nitrate. I would like to set up an initial meeting with Ecology in January, 2022. Please let me know if you would like to designate a staff person to assist in the scheduling of the meeting.

I look forward to communicating with you more on this issue.

Jeff KenKnight

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